

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed May 20, 2005, the Examiner objected to claims 1 and 17 because of a minor informality. The claims have been amended to remove "the a". Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected the claims under 35 USC Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Sarkar et al. Claims 6-11 and 17-22 were allowed. Claims 4 and 15 were objected to. Claims 4 and 15 are rewritten in independent form as claims 1 and 12, and claims 2, 3, 5, 13, 14 and 16 depend therefrom. Reconsideration of the claims is requested.

Applicants do not acquiesce to the Examiner's rejection, and reserve the right to further prosecute the claims 1 and 12 in a continuation application

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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